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I. Introduction

1. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 13 September 2006, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its sixty-first session the item entitled "Programme planning" and to allocate programme 19, Human rights, of the proposed strategic framework for the period 2008-2009, as well as the revised estimates relating to the 2005 World Summit Outcome (programme narratives of the programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007 under section 23, Human rights), to the Third Committee for its review and action.

2. The Committee considered the item at its 43rd and 55th meetings, on 9 November and 8 December 2006 (see A/C.3/61/SR.43 and 55). For its consideration, the Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Proposed strategic framework for the period 2008-2009;[1]

(b) Report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination;[2]

(c) Letter dated 12 October 2006 from the President of the General Assembly to the Chairman of the Third Committee (A/C.3/61/3).

[1] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-first Session, Supplement No. 6* (A/61/6, Prog. 19).
[2] Ibid., *Supplement No. 16* (A/61/16), chap. II.

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II. Consideration of draft decision A/C.3/61/L.62

3. At its 55th meeting, on 8 December, the Committee had before it an informal paper containing a draft decision (subsequently issued in document A/C.3/61/L.62), submitted by the Chairman on the basis of informal consultations held under the item.

4. At the same meeting, the Rapporteur of the Committee read out corrections to the text of programme 19, which was annexed to the draft decision.

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft decision, and recommended it, together with the text of programme 19, as amended and corrected, to the General Assembly for approval (see para. 6 below).

III. Recommendation of the Third Committee

6. The Third Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decision:

Programme planning

The General Assembly, having considered programme 19, Human rights, of the proposed strategic framework for the period 2008-2009,[1] and the relevant chapter of the report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on its forty-sixth session,[2] decides to approve programme 19, Human rights, of the proposed strategic framework for the period 2008-2009, subject to the provisions of the present decision and to the additional modifications indicated in the annex hereto.

[1] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-first Session, Supplement No. 6* (A/61/6, Prog. 19).

[2] Ibid., *Supplement No. 16* (A/61/16), chap. II.

Annex

Proposed strategic framework for the period 2008-2009

Part two: biennial programme plan
Programme 19
Human rights

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Overall orientation

19.1 The overarching purpose of the United Nations human rights programme is ~~the~~ **universal to promote and protect the effective** enjoyment **by all** of **all** human rights ~~by all~~. The 2005 World Summit acknowledged peace and security, development and human rights as interlinked and mutually reinforcing pillars of the United Nations system, providing foundations for collective security and well-being. The United Nations human rights programme has **a role in making** ~~the vital responsibility for contributing to conflict prevention and resolution, as well as for helping to make~~ development equitable, sustainable and responsive to the needs of people **and in relation to conflict prevention and resolution** ~~through the application of the rights-based approach methodology~~. In order to promote and encourage respect for human rights, the programme undertakes to give practical effect to the will and resolve of the world community, as expressed through the United Nations and **it shall continue to be guided by the principles of universality, objectivity, impartiality, and non-selectivity.** Its mandate derives from Articles 1, 13, 55 and 62 of the Charter of the United Nations; the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action **including its principles and recommendations**, adopted by the World Conference on Human Rights and subsequently endorsed by the General Assembly in its resolution 48/121; Assembly resolution 48/141 establishing the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights; international human rights instruments adopted by the United Nations; the outcomes of relevant United Nations conferences and summits; and the resolutions and decisions of policymaking bodies, including, in particular, Assembly resolutions 55/2 on the United Nations Millennium Declaration, **57/300 entitled "Strengthening of the United Nations: an agenda for further change"** and 60/1 on the 2005 World Summit Outcome.

19.2 The programme falls under the leadership of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, entrusted with the principal responsibility for the human rights activities of the Organization, under the direction and authority of the Secretary-General. The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) acts as the central supportive structure for the programme. By 2008, the Office will complete**, as appropriate,** the first phase of its reform in the follow-up to the 2005 World Summit, which took note of the High Commission's plan of action.

19.3 The programme ~~will strive to fill the gaps in the implementation of international human rights standards. It~~ will ~~endeavour to~~ work ~~with all relevant parties~~ to remove obstacles to the full realization of all human rights and to prevent **the continuation of** human rights violations**, including with relevant parties.** ~~from occurring or continuing throughout the world. The country~~ **Continued** engagement **of the Office with countries is essential to** ~~strategy of the Office allow for~~ the realization of the programme in the framework of the enhanced partnerships at the national, regional and international levels. It will draw on the values of the Millennium Declaration and the 2005 World Summit Outcome document, which call for the promotion of democracy, the strengthening of the rule of law and respect for all internationally recognized human rights and fundamental freedoms, including the right to development. Priority will continue to be given to emphasizing the importance of human rights on international and national agendas, combating

poverty and countering discrimination on all internationally recognized grounds, including race, sex, language or religion, advancing the rights of children and women, raising awareness of human rights at all levels of education, responding to the needs of the vulnerable for protection and addressing situations of international concern, **particularly gross and systematic violations of human rights**, as identified by the Human Rights Council and other relevant United Nations organs.

19.4 Increased support for human rights implementation will be provided to Member States, at their request, through, inter alia, assistance to national systems of human rights protection, **national capacity-building, technical cooperation,** human rights education and other activities ~~to protect rights holders~~. All human rights activities will be addressed in an integrated, interrelated and interdependent manner. The programme will continue to take gender issues fully into account in the development and application of norms and procedures so that violations against women and girls are clearly identified and addressed. Substantive and organizational support will be provided to the Human Rights Council, ~~and~~ its procedures, other relevant United Nations organs and treaty-monitoring bodies. Particular efforts will be made to strengthen, rationalize and streamline the United Nations mechanisms in the field of human rights, as requested by the General Assembly in its resolutions 48/141 and 60/1. The programme will strive to meet the essential challenge of ensuring the enjoyment of human rights worldwide, through the dedicated and coordinated efforts of all relevant partners, ~~focusing on the empowerment and protection of people~~.

19.5 The programme strategy will be guided by the lessons learned from the 2006-2007 biennium, in particular with regard to measurements of achievement that can be implemented realistically by OHCHR ~~and its partners~~.

Subprogramme 1
Human rights mainstreaming, right to development, research and analysis

19.6 The responsibility for implementing the subprogramme lies with the Research and Right to Development Branch of the Operations, Programmes and Research Division.

A. Human rights mainstreaming

Objective of the Organization: to advance **the promotion and protection of human rights and to** further **integrate** ~~on~~ of human rights and their gender dimension **into all relevant areas of work of the United Nations system** ~~into development, humanitarian, peace and security, governance, and rule of law programmes and activities of the United Nations, in particular at the country level~~.

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat	Indicators of achievement
(a) **Integration incorporation** of all human rights aspects into development, humanitarian, peace and security, governance and rule of law programmes and activities of United Nations system ~~agencies, departments and bodies and United Nations country teams~~	(a) Increased number of United Nations **projects and activities** ~~common country programming documents~~ that **further** integrate a human rights ~~perspective~~
~~(b) Strengthened capacity of the United Nations human rights programme to assist Member States, at their request, in building and strengthening national systems for human rights protection~~	~~(b) Increased number of human rights guidance and methodological tools for development, humanitarian, peace and security, governance and rule of law activities developed under United Nations frameworks, aimed at strengthening the capacity of United Nations country teams, integrated missions, departments and bodies~~
(b) Strengthened capacity of United Nations system, in particular United Nations country teams, to further integrate human rights into their respective programmes and activities, and to assist Member States, at their request, in building and strengthening national human rights promotion and protection capacities	**(b) Increased number of United Nations projects, activities and common country programming documents that further integrate human rights**
(c) Wider knowledge within the entire United Nations system, including United Nations country teams, of relevant human rights issues and their gender dimension	(c) Increased number of Resident and Humanitarian Coordinators, Special Representatives of the Secretary-General, other senior officials and country teams trained and advised by OHCHR

Strategy

19.7 This part of the subprogramme will play a leadership role in pursuing **cooperation within the** United Nations system ~~wide partnership~~ for the integration of all human rights into **its** development, humanitarian, peace and security, governance and rule of law programmes and activities, **bearing in mind the existing mandates in these areas,** ~~within the United Nations system~~ in order to contribute to ~~closing gaps in~~ the **full and effective** implementation of international human rights standards **by States**. The strategy will focus on:

~~(a) Enhancing system-wide, coordinated efforts and coherent policies for the promotion and protection of human rights at the country level by placing human rights at the heart of United Nations programmes and activities in the development, humanitarian, peace and security, governance and rule of law areas;~~

(a) Integrating a human rights perspective into United Nations programmes and activities in the development, humanitarian, peace and security, governance and rule of law areas, thus contributing to the promotion and protection of human rights at all levels;

(b) Strengthening the substantive engagement and partnership, **at the international level,** of OHCHR with the World Bank, the United Nations Development Programme, other United Nations agencies, **bearing in mind their respective mandates,** and civil society, promoting the practical integration of human rights into development programmes, as well as ensuring consistency and mutual reinforcement between United Nations-supported development activities and OHCHR country engagement strategies;

(c) Developing methodologies to facilitate the ~~incorporation~~ **inclusion** of all human rights in United Nations policies, programmes and activities for development, peace and security, rule of law, governance and humanitarian assistance, **and to facilitate, where appropriate, ~~including by the~~** advance**ment of** the practical applications of rights-based approaches to all the aforementioned areas;

(d) Contributing to developing the capability of the United Nations system, in particular the United Nations country teams, through training, advice and methodological tools to assist Member States, at their request, in building and enhancing national capacities to promote and protect human rights and in mainstreaming human rights into national policies.

B. Right to development

Objective of the Organization: to advance the promotion and protection of the right to development

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat	Indicators of achievement
(a) Further integration ~~and/or inclusion~~ of the promotion and protection of the right to development in global partnerships for development **and, as appropriate, into the policies and operational activities of relevant actors at all levels**	(a) Increased number of partnerships agreed to and applying specific criteria for the assessment of global development partnerships from the perspective of the right to development
(b) Enhanced awareness, knowledge and understanding of the right to development at **all** ~~the international, regional and country~~ levels	(b) Increased number of **activities,** analytical papers and information materials, **organized** ~~or relevant to the right to development~~ made available by OHCHR ~~to its partners~~ within and outside the United Nations **in contribution to increasing knowledge, awareness and understanding of the realization of the right to development**

Strategy

19.8 This part of the subprogramme will pursue a multidimensional strategy **to support** ~~for~~ the implementation of the right to development **in accordance with the Declaration on the Right to Development and subsequent mandates and the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action**. The Strategy will focus ~~ing~~ on:

(a ~~supra~~**) Ensuring the realization of the right to development across the human rights programme and by the relevant bodies of the United Nations system;**

(a) **(b)** **Enhancing** ~~Providing~~ substantive support to the Human Rights Council and its subsidiary mechanisms **related to** ~~on the implementation of~~ the right to development;

(b) **(c)** Building stronger partnership and collaboration with relevant actors, including Member States, multilateral institutions and civil society, so that support given to human rights bodies relevant to the right to development will have increased focus on its practical implementation;

(c) **(d)** Encouraging the promotion and protection of the right to development in global development partnerships, as reflected in Millennium Development Goal 8 (aid, trade and debt reduction), through advocacy, networking, technical advice and the establishment of partnersl ps and other kinds of cooperation;

(d) **(e)** Promoting the implementation of the right to development in **technical assistance to requesting countries and, taking into account a human rights-based approach, in** national development strategies, such as, ~~inter alia~~, poverty reduction strategy papers, **where they exist,** national Millennium Development Goals strategies and United Nations development frameworks, through close cooperation with Member States and United Nations agencies, funds and programmes;

(e) **(f)** Identifying obstacles at the national, regional and international levels to the implementation of the right to development and promoting awareness about the content and importance of the right to development, including through increased engagement ~~at the country level~~, research, advocacy and informational and educational activities;

(g) Promoting cooperation at the regional and international levels and continuing to support to the Working Group and High-Level Task Force on the Right to Development on the application of the criteria for the assessment of global development partnerships from the perspective of the right to development.

C. Research and analysis

Objective of the Organization: to contribute to **removing obstacles to** ~~closing gaps in~~ the implementation of international human rights standards based on an analysis of human rights problems and challenges and through the development and application of expertise on human rights themes and methodologies, **by increasing knowledge, awareness and understanding of human rights issues through research and analysis**

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat	Indicators of achievement
(a) ~~Enhanced effectiveness of the United Nations efforts to~~ **Strengthened respect for the enjoyment of all human rights and fundamental freedoms by everyone, inter alia, by combating** ~~counter the disadvantaged situation or exposure to~~ discrimination **against** of groups **including but not limited to** such as women, children, persons belonging to minorities, indigenous peoples, persons with disabilities, **persons affected by HIV/AIDS,** migrants, **and** victims of **trafficking and victims of involuntary disappearances** ~~racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance~~	(a) Increased number of activities and measures taken to promote and protect the enjoyment of human rights by members of those groups
(b) Strengthened efforts that contribute to the elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance	**(b) Increased number of measures taken to eliminate racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance**
~~(b)~~ **(c) Enhanced OHC HR's contribution to the** ~~More~~ effective implementation of the Millennium Development Goals, ~~in particular with regard to poverty reduction and combating HIV/AIDS~~	(b) **(c)** Increased number of activities and measures undertaken ~~in promoting and developing rights-sensitive poverty reduction strategies~~ **in contribution to the effective implementation** of the Millennium Development Goals
~~(c)~~ **(d)** Enhanced legal protection and advocacy for the implementation of **all human rights including** economic, social and cultural rights **including** at the ~~regional and~~ country levels	~~(c)~~ **(d) Increased number of activities and measures undertaken in** strengthening legal protection and advocacy in implementing **all human rights, including** economic, social and cultural rights
~~(d)~~ **(e)** More effective United Nations assistance to Member States and other stakeholders, at their request, in strengthening the rule of law and democracy mechanisms for the protection of all human rights ~~and in implementing the relevant instruments elaborated by the United Nations legislative bodies~~	~~(d)~~ **(e)** Increased number of **activities and policies,** measures **undertaken in strengthening the rule of law and democracy mechanisms for the protection of all human rights** ~~and tools developed by OHCHR and other United Nations partners to assist all actors, including Governments and civil society, in strengthening and building democratic institutions, law enforcement and correction measures, accountability~~

	~~mechanisms, the administration of justice, combating impunity, enhancing rights-based approaches to counter-terrorism and trafficking, law enforcement and correction measures, and rights-based approaches to transitional justice for conflict and post-conflict States~~
~~(e)~~ **(f)** Enhanced methodological expertise to implement human rights activities ~~in support of country engagement, leadership and partnership strategies~~ **and to provide advice and assistance to Governments and partners within and outside the United Nations system**	~~(e)~~ **(f)** Increased number of methodological and operational guidelines and tools **developed and training materials developed, including** ~~indicators for~~ **the realization of** human rights ~~assessment~~
(f) **(g)** Enhanced capacity of OHCHR to provide training and advice to promot**ing** human rights compliance and **with a view** to protect**ing** rights-holders at the national level	(f) **(g)** Increased number of advice and training activities provided by OHCHR and its partners, **as appropriate,** in relevant substantive area

Strategy

19.9 This part of the subprogramme strategy will be based on the consolidation, further development and strengthening of substantive human rights expertise to support effective engagement with countries and global and national-level partnerships and to **lead efforts within the United Nations system** ~~provide leadership~~ to meet current human rights challenges. Strengthened expertise will be **used** ~~brought to bear~~ to overcome human rights implementation gaps and will provide the basis for OHCHR to work on technical cooperation, advocacy, training, policy development, analysis, protection and advice to partners **at all levels**. The strategy will focus on:

(a) Advocacy for the indivisibility, interdependence and interrelatedness of all human rights by enhancing substantive and methodological expertise; development **and consolidation** of partnerships within and outside the United Nations **for strengthening national capacities** ~~for capacity-building~~ in the areas of the rule of law, democracy and good governance; a human rights approach**es to development, counterterrorism,** to anti-trafficking measures as well as to the implementation of the Millennium Development Goals, ~~including poverty reduction and combating HIV/AIDS~~; **contributing to the elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and new forms of discrimination; strengthening respect for the enjoyment of all human rights and fundamental freedoms by everyone, inter alia, combating** ~~and countering the disadvantaged situation or exposure to~~ discrimination **against** ~~of~~ groups **including but not limited to** ~~such as~~ women, children, persons belonging to minorities, indigenous people, persons with disabilities, **persons affected by HIV/AIDS,** and migrants **and victims of trafficking and victims of involuntary disappearances**;

(b) Advancing knowledge, awareness, understanding and implementation of all human rights, including through research, policy-oriented analysis, support to standard-setting ~~and clarification~~, capacity-building, ~~protection~~, advocacy, **best practices and** development of methodologies ~~and best practices~~ in the areas of

human rights protection, institution-building and education, development and delivery of human rights training activities, including within the framework of the World Programme for Human Rights Education, provision of specialized human rights reference services and improved knowledge management;

(c) ~~Effective implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action, including~~ Wider inclusion in advisory services and training provided to countries, upon their request, of measures to be taken to combat racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance, **including through effective implementation of all relevant international instruments and standards**, and enhancement of research and analysis in this area.

Subprogramme 2
Supporting human rights bodies and organs

Objective of the Organization: to further the enjoyment and protection of human rights **by providing substantive support and advice to the Human Rights Council and other United Nations human rights bodies and organs, as well as by** increas**ing** the knowledge and awareness of the international human rights machinery among national and international actors ~~and rationalize, streamline and provide substantive support and advice to existing human rights mechanisms and procedures, including the Human Rights Council~~

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat	Indicators of achievement
(a) Timely delivery of required substantive and technical support to intergovernmental bodies, in particular to the Human Rights Council and its subsidiary and expert mechanisms, ~~in developing and implementing the methodology to carry out their functions~~	(a) (i) Increased **timely** availability of documents and prompt provision of substantive and technical support to the intergovernmental machinery and its subsidiary mechanisms, **in compliance with relevant rules and regulations for issuance of documentation,** through the use of new information technology facilities and tools (ii) **Increased number of positive feedback received from** ~~Satisfaction expressed by~~ Member States as a result of the substantive advice provided by the Secretariat to the organs concerned
(b) Timely delivery of required substantive support to States parties related to their participation in more streamlined and harmonized **reporting** procedures before treaty bodies, ~~in particular with respect to reporting through the common core document and targeted treaty-specific reports~~	(b) Increased number of **instances in which treaty bodies considered** States parties' ~~submitting streamlined~~ reports **based on the streamlined and harmonized reporting procedure** ~~on the basis of the harmonized reporting guidelines~~

(c) Enhanced **awareness, knowledge and understanding** ~~dissemination~~ of treaty body outputs among national and international actors, **including through new and effective methods of dissemination, such as better use of the Internet**	(c) Increased number of national and **international actors at all levels** ~~regional courts citing~~ **making use of** treaty body recommendations and decisions **with the support of OHCHR**
(d) Timely delivery of required substantive **and other** support to treaty bodies in **order to ensure that** ~~preparation of their concluding observations and~~ recommendations emanating from the review of State parties reports **are implementable, including as a result of country visits and consideration of individual complaints, where required by treaty bodies** ~~, as well as from country visits and consideration of individual complaints~~	(d) ~~(i)~~ Increased number of **activities and measures undertaken to strengthen treaty body** ~~implementable~~ recommendations **and decisions** ~~(ii) Continuous introduction of refined methods of work allowing for a larger number of individual complaints to be concluded at each session of the treaty bodies concerned~~ ~~(iii) Increased number of complaints adopted by treaty bodies~~
(e) Enhanced cooperation with stakeholders **at all levels** who can benefit from and/or contribute to the work of treaty bodies, including ~~provision of assistance to legislative reform in the area of human rights at the national level~~ **in follow-up to treaty body recommendations**	(e) ~~(i)~~ Increased number **of activities and measures undertaken in cooperation with stakeholders at all levels, including in follow-up to treaty body recommendations** ~~of civil society actors, including national human rights institutions, non-governmental organizations and media, participating in treaty body sessions and activities relating to the treaty body system~~ ~~(ii) Higher level of cooperation with requesting countries in the development of laws and policy documents for adoption or revision by them~~

Strategy

19.10 The subprogramme is under the responsibility of the Treaties and **Council** Branch of the Human Rights Procedures Division. The strategy will include:

(a) Drawing on all available in-house resources and expertise to provide **adequate** substantive and technical support, including the analytical capacity, for the review of State reports, on the conduct of country visits by human rights treaty bodies, **where provided for in the treaty or upon request of States, and** processing of individual complaints~~, and~~;

(b) Enhancing the effective functioning of human rights bodies and organs, including the Human Rights Council, through coordinated support for the improvement, rationalization and streamlining of **human rights** ~~existing~~ procedures, as well as ~~systematic~~ engagement with Governments, experts, special procedures

mandate holders, specialized agencies, other international organizations, national institutions and non-governmental organizations to that end;

(c) **Assist human rights bodies in their efforts to make their** ~~Formulating concrete proposals designed to render the~~ deliberations and decision-making **processes by human rights bodies in relation to individual complaints procedures** more effective;

(d) Strengthening the capacity and role of the OHCHR Documents Processing Unit, acting in close cooperation with the United Nations Office at Geneva, with a view to more effective coordination and streamlining of ~~all of~~ OHCHR documentation; ~~as well as seeking to rationalize such documentation, including through initiatives to reduce its volume~~;

(e) Enhancing and coordinating in-house efforts more effectively and expanding partnerships with United Nations agencies, non-governmental organizations, national human rights institutions and the media to promote awareness and knowledge of all international human rights treaties **and the work of all treaty bodies** in order to **support** ~~assist in closing gaps in~~ **the effective** implementation **of** international human rights standards and compliance with treaty commitments by States parties;

(f) Promoting ratification of the ~~principal~~ human rights conventions and protocols.

Subprogramme 3
Advisory services, technical cooperation and field activities

Objective of the Organization: to cooperate with countries in efforts to strengthen the implementation of international human rights standards at the national level, **including through assistance to requesting States, support to national plans and capacity-building for human rights promotion and protection**

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat	Indicators of achievement
(a) Enhanced **capacity of the United Nations to** assistance ~~provided~~ **States,** at **their** request, **in their effort to translate their international human rights obligations into effective laws, regulations and policies** ~~of countries to support legislative reforms at the national level to remove obstacles to the full realization of human rights~~	(a) Increased ~~number of~~ **positive feedback from** ~~laws and policy documents adopted or revised by~~ Member States ~~to ensure compliance with international human rights standards~~ **who benefited from OHCHR's assistance in the area of legislative reforms**
(b) Enhanced institutional capacity development at the national level **through engagement with requesting States,** to meet the challenges to the full realization of human rights	(b) Increased number of ~~human rights~~ institutions established **or strengthened in the field of human rights** at the national level **through assistance and training provided by OHCHR**

(c) Enhanced **support of OHCHR to** human rights education and awareness-raising, **including** at the national level	(c) Increased number of institutionalized human rights training and education programmes **for all relevant actors introduced at the national, subregional and regional levels, with the support of the United Nations human rights programme** ~~in the formal education system and for core professional groups (law enforcement officials, prison officials, judges and lawyers)~~
(d) Enhanced capacity of United Nations country teams and United Nations peace missions to assist **requesting** countries, ~~at their request,~~ in **their effort to** ~~the~~ develop ~~ment of~~ national human rights protection systems	(d) Increased number of programmes implemented by United Nations country teams and human rights components of United Nations peace missions in support of national human rights protection systems, **in cooperation with requesting countries**
(e) Enhanced **OHCHR** capacity ~~of the United Nations~~ to contribute to the prevention **of the continuation or halting** of ~~large-scale~~ human rights violations ~~at the national level~~ **in accordance with the mandate of the High Commissioner for Human Rights**	(e) Increased number of cases when OHCHR assisted in resolving identified situations of **large-scale** human rights **violations** ~~crises~~ at short notice

Strategy

19.11 The subprogramme is under the responsibility of the Capacity-Building and Field Operations Branch of the Operations, Programmes and Research Division. The strategy will include:

(a) Strengthening United Nations efforts for peace, security and development by enhancing the capacity of United Nations country teams and of United Nations peacekeeping and peacebuilding missions to assist countries, **at their request,** in the development of national human rights protection systems **guided** ~~based~~, inter alia, **on by** the recommendations of human rights treaty-~~monitoring~~ bodies and the **human rights monitoring** ~~special~~ **mechanisms** ~~procedures~~ of the Human Rights Council. This will be achieved through joint activities with the United Nations offices or missions, the deployment of human rights officers and the provision of expert advice from Headquarters, regional and country offices;

(b) Rapidly deploying human rights observers and fact-finding missions in crisis situations, **at the specific request of countries or** ~~in particular~~ those **as mandated** ~~identified~~ by the Human Rights Council and other United Nations policymaking bodies;

(c) Providing stakeholders at the national level ~~with the involvement of all parts of OHCHR~~, with human rights legal advice, education and training through technical cooperation programmes aimed at strengthening the administration of justice and developing effective national human rights institutions, human rights education programmes and comprehensive national plans of action. The need to address different **human rights** gaps in the implementation of human rights will

guide ~~the work of~~ OHCHR ~~in the~~ field **activities** ~~in all areas~~, including the **prompt** response to early **signs of potential human rights emergencies** ~~warnings~~;

(d) Strengthening **cooperation within the** United Nations system-~~wide cooperation~~ at the regional and subregional levels for the protection and promotion of human rights, ~~as well as~~ **including** interaction between OHCHR programmes in the field and **relevant United Nations Human Rights mechanisms** ~~treaty bodies and special procedures~~;

(e) **Following** ~~Gathering information and observing~~ human rights developments ~~at the country level so as~~ to assist the Human Rights Council and other United Nations policymaking bodies, as well as treaty-monitoring bodies, ~~and special procedures~~ in engaging in a dialogue with countries in the implementation of their respective mandates and ensuring efficient **and effective functioning of** ~~support to~~ the country-specific special procedures of the Human Rights Council.

Subprogramme 4
Support for human rights thematic fact-finding procedures

Objective of the Organization: ~~to increase the contribution of the special procedures to the implementation of human rights at the country level~~ **To ensure the effective functioning of human rights monitoring mechanisms by assisting special rapporteurs and representatives, experts and working groups mandated by policy-making bodies in order to protect potential victims and reduce the occurrence of human rights violations**

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat	Indicators of achievement
(a) **Enhanced support to** improve **the impact of the work of** ~~contribution by~~ special procedures mandate holders **through** ~~to~~ the analysis of gaps in the implementation of international human rights standards, **and timely advice for addressing gross and systematic violations of human rights** ~~especially in the context of early warning related to situations posing serious threats to peace and/or development~~	(a) Increased number of ~~follow-up~~ plans and activities **supported by OHCHR in follow-up** to reports and recommendations made by the thematic mandate holders ~~in analytical and programmatic documents and projects, including national human rights action plans, United Nations partner reports and programmes, including the United Nations Development Assistance Framework, and OHCHR field-oriented programmes and activities~~
(b) Enhanced cooperation with stakeholders who can benefit from and/or contribute to the work of the special procedures	(b) Increased number of partners, including Governments, civil society organizations, United Nations agencies and programmes, United Nations human rights machinery, including treaty bodies, and policymaking bodies cooperating in the implementation of special procedures' findings

(c) Increased assistance to **thematic mandate-holders in their** advocacy ~~on behalf of victims of human rights violations~~ and ~~to~~ endeavours to **prevent and protect from** ~~the occurrence or continuation of~~ human rights violations **within their respective mandates**	(c) Increased number of responses, feedback and follow-up to activities by special procedures mandate holders, including individual communications
(d) Efficient communication with right holders and institutions acting on their behalf on how to **present** ~~address~~ their concerns to special procedures and on the follow-up to interventions made	(d) Increased number of activities undertaken to disseminate information on **the mandates and activities of** ~~special~~ **thematic** procedures to individuals, United Nations partners and civil society

Strategy

19.12 The subprogramme is under the responsibility of the Special Procedures Branch, of the Human Rights Procedures Division. The subprogramme will strengthen its research, analytical, communications, information and logistical support for thematic procedures with a view to enhancing the impact of their work by:

~~(a) Developing coherent methods of work and effective channels for the implementation, at the country level, of the findings and recommendations of the special procedures by:~~

(a) Further developing criteria and strengthening the methodologies for operations and reporting functions of special procedures, and facilitating the implementation of the thematic procedures' recommendations, including through various programmes for technical cooperation provided to requesting States

~~(i)~~

(b) Strengthening the capacity of mandate holders to study, report and make recommendations within their mandates**, inter alia, through provision of:**

(i) ~~(ii) Providing a~~ Qualitative analysis of specific thematic issues, including alleged human rights violations;

(ii) ~~(iii) Ensuring~~ **Through exchange of information, where appropriate, between** ~~a smooth flow of information from~~ mandate holders **and** ~~to~~ OHCHR country engagement activities ~~and vice versa~~;

~~(b)~~ **(c)** Supporting and providing thematic expertise to fact-finding missions, including through enhanced cooperation with OHCHR geographic desks;

~~(c)~~ **(d)** Disseminating knowledge of the findings and methodology of the thematic special procedures and improving coordination**, where appropriate,** among mandate holders and between them and other mechanisms of the human rights machinery;

~~(d)~~ **(e)** Reinforcing dialogue and cooperation between thematic special procedures and partners, including Member States, United Nations country teams, national human rights institutions, civil society organizations and victims themselves;

~~(e)~~ **(f)** Facilitating the special procedures' contribution to **identifying impending human rights challenges** ~~early warning mechanisms~~ and to the formulation and implementation of technical cooperation programmes.

Legislative mandates

General Assembly resolutions

48/141	High Commissioner for the promotion and protection of all human rights
55/2	United Nations Millennium Declaration
60/144	Global efforts for the total elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance and the comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action
60/1	2005 World Summit Outcome
60/251	Human Rights Council

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2004/2	Strengthening of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights
2005/42	Integrating the human rights of women throughout the United Nations system (subprogrammes 1 and 2)
2005/54	Enhancement of international cooperation in the field of human rights (subprogrammes 1 and 3)
2005/58	Development of public information activities in the field of human rights, including the World Public Information Campaign on Human Rights

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Human rights mainstreaming, right to development, research and analysis

General Assembly resolutions

41/128	Declaration on the Right to Development
46/122	United Nations Voluntary Trust Fund on Contemporary Forms of Slavery
58/179	Access to medication in the context of pandemics such as HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria
59/113 A and B	World Programme for Human Rights Education
59/166	Trafficking in women and girls

59/174	Second International Decade of the World's Indigenous People
59/186	Human rights and extreme poverty
59/189	Missing persons
59/190	Strengthening United Nations action in the field of human rights through the promotion of international cooperation and the importance of non-selectivity, impartiality and objectivity
59/193	Promotion of a democratic and equitable international order
59/195	Human rights and terrorism
60/131	Implementation of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons: realizing the Millennium Development Goals for persons with disabilities
60/141	The girl child
60/142	Programme of Action for the Second International Decade of the World's Indigenous People
60/144	Global efforts for the total elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance and the comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action
60/145	Universal realization of the right of peoples to self-determination
60/147	Basic Principles and Guidelines on the Right to a Remedy and Reparation for Victims of Gross Violations of International Human Rights Law and Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law
60/150	Combating defamation of religions
60/152	Globalization and its impact on the full enjoyment of all human rights
60/155	Human rights and unilateral coercive measures
60/156	Enhancement of international cooperation in the field of human rights
60/157	The right to development
60/158	Protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism
60/159	Human rights in the administration of justice
60/160	Effective promotion of the Declaration on the Rights of Persons Belonging to National or Ethnic, Religious and Linguistic Minorities
60/163	Promotion of peace as a vital requirement for the full enjoyment of all human rights by all

60/165	Right to food
60/167	Human rights and cultural diversity
60/215	Towards global partnerships
60/232	Ad Hoc Committee on a Comprehensive and Integral International Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Rights and Dignity of Persons with Disabilities

Economic and Social Council resolutions and decisions

1998/279	Question of human rights and states of emergency
2003/246	World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance and the comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action
2003/264	The Social Forum
2004/253	Human rights and extreme poverty
2004/256	Question of the realization in all countries of the economic, social and cultural rights contained in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and in the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, and study of special problems which the developing countries face in their efforts to achieve these human rights
2004/257	The right to restitution, compensation and rehabilitation for victims of grave violations of human rights and fundamental freedoms
2004/268	Follow-up to the United Nations Decade for Human Rights Education
2004/275	Globalization and its impact on the full enjoyment of human rights
2004/276	Traditional practices affecting the health of women and the girl child
2005/9	Further promotion of equalization of opportunities by, for and with persons with disabilities and protection of their human rights
2005/10	Comprehensive and integral international convention to protect and promote the rights and dignity of persons with disabilities
2005/30	Basic Principles and Guidelines on the Right to a Remedy and Reparation for Victims of Gross Violations of International Human Rights Law and Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law
2005/31	Mainstreaming a gender perspective into all policies and programmes in the United Nations system
2005/256	The right to development

2005/268	Working Group on Indigenous Populations of the Subcommission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights
2005/269	Working Group of the Commission on Human Rights to elaborate a draft declaration in accordance with paragraph 5 of General Assembly resolution 49/214 of 23 December 1994
2005/270	Human rights and indigenous issues
2005/271	Human rights and international solidarity
2005/273	Human rights and transnational corporations and other business enterprises
2005/278	Rights of persons belonging to national or ethnic, religious and linguistic minorities
2005/279	Protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism

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1999/46	Contemporary forms of slavery
2003/107	The Social Forum
2004/21	Adequate housing as a component of the right to an adequate standard of living
2004/34	The right to restitution, compensation and rehabilitation for victims of grave violations of human rights and fundamental freedoms
2004/35	Conscientious objection to military service
2004/43	Human rights in the administration of justice, in particular juvenile justice
2004/44	Human rights and terrorism
2004/45	Trafficking in women and girls
2004/50	Missing persons
2004/54	Tolerance and pluralism as indivisible elements in the promotion and protection of human rights
2004/71	Follow-up to the United Nations Decade for Human Rights Education
2004/118	Fundamental standards of humanity
2005/3	Combating defamation of religions
2005/4	The right to development
2005/14	Human rights and unilateral coercive measures
2005/16	Human rights and extreme poverty

2005/17	Globalization and its impact on the full enjoyment of all human rights
2005/18	The right to food
2005/20	Promotion of the enjoyment of the cultural rights of everyone and respect for different cultural identities
2005/22	Question of the realization in all countries of economic, social and cultural rights
2005/23	Access to medication in the context of pandemics such as HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria
2005/24	The right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health
2005/25	Women's equal ownership, access to and control over land and the equal rights to own property and to adequate housing
2005/26	Human rights and forensic science
2005/29	Strengthening of popular participation, equity, social justice and non-discrimination as essential foundations of democracy
2005/30	Integrity of the judicial system
2005/31	Hostage-taking
2005/32	Democracy and the rule of law
2005/35	Basic Principles and Guidelines on the Right to a Remedy and Reparation for Victims of Gross Violations of International Human Rights Law and Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law
2005/36	The incompatibility between democracy and racism
2005/37	Promoting the rights to peaceful assembly and association
2005/42	Integrating the human rights of women throughout the United Nations system
2005/45	Human rights and arbitrary deprivation of nationality
2005/49	Working Group on Indigenous Populations of the Subcommission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights
2005/50	Working Group of the Commission on Human Rights to elaborate a draft declaration in accordance with paragraph 5 of General Assembly resolution 49/214 of 23 December 1994
2005/51	Human rights and indigenous issues
2005/52	Protection of indigenous peoples in times of conflict
2005/54	Enhancement of international cooperation in the field of human rights

2005/55	Human rights and international solidarity
2005/56	Promotion of peace as a vital requirement for the full enjoyment of all human rights by all
2005/57	Promotion of a democratic and equitable international order
2005/59	The question of the death penalty
2005/60	Human rights and the environment as part of sustainable development
2005/61	World Programme for Human Rights Education
2005/64	World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance and the comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action
2005/65	Human rights of persons with disabilities
2005/66	Right to the truth
2005/68	The role of good governance in the promotion of human rights
2005/69	Human rights and transnational corporations and other business enterprises
2005/70	Human rights and transitional justice
2005/79	Rights of persons belonging to national or ethnic, religious and linguistic minorities
2005/80	Protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism
2005/81	Impunity
2005/84	The protection of human rights in the context of human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) and acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS)

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Supporting human rights bodies and organs

General Assembly resolutions

2106 A (XX)	International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination
2200 (XXI)	International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights
39/46	Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment
44/25	Convention on the Rights of the Child

59/176	International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination
59/262	International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families
60/141	The girl child
60/148	Torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment
60/149	International Covenants on Human Rights
60/231	Rights of the child

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1503 (XLVIII)	Procedure for dealing with communications relating to violations of human rights and fundamental freedoms

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2005/9	Cooperation with representatives of United Nations human rights bodies

Subprogramme 3
Advisory service, technical cooperation and field activities

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58/269	Strengthening of the United Nations: an agenda for further change
58/315	Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects
60/87	Regional confidence-building measures: activities of the United Nations Standing Advisory Committee on Security Questions in Central Africa
60/171	Situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran
60/172	Situation of human rights in Turkmenistan
60/174	Situation of human rights in Uzbekistan
60/180	The Peacebuilding Commission
60/233	Situation of human rights in Myanmar

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2005/257	Situation of human rights in Myanmar
2005/258	Situation of human rights in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea
2005/259	Situation of human rights in Belarus

2005/275	Advisory services and technical assistance for Burundi
2005/276	Assistance to Sierra Leone in the field of human rights
2005/277	Technical cooperation and advisory services in Nepal
2005/280	Situation of human rights in the Sudan
2005/281	Assistance to Somalia in the field of human rights
2005/282	Technical cooperation and advisory services in the Democratic Republic of the Congo
2005/293	Technical cooperation in the field of human rights in Afghanistan
2005/294	Situation of human rights in Haiti

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2003/8	Human rights situation of the Lebanese detainees in Israel
2005/6	Israeli settlements in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem and the occupied Syrian Golan
2005/7	Israeli practices affecting the human rights of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem
2005/8	Human rights in the occupied Syrian Golan
2005/10	Situation of human rights in Myanmar
2005/11	Situation of human rights in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea
2005/12	Situation of human rights in Cuba
2005/13	Situation of human rights in Belarus
2005/43	Abduction of children in Africa
2005/71	Regional cooperation for the promotion and protection of human rights in the Asian and Pacific region
2005/73	Regional arrangements for the promotion and protection of human rights
2005/74	National institutions for the promotion and protection of human rights
2005/75	Advisory services and technical assistance for Burundi
2005/76	Assistance to Sierra Leone in the field of human rights
2005/77	Technical cooperation and advisory services in Cambodia
2005/78	Technical cooperation and advisory services in Nepal
2005/82	Situation of human rights in the Sudan

2005/83	Assistance to Somalia in the field of human rights
2005/85	Technical cooperation and advisory services in the Democratic Republic of the Congo

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2005/103	Question of human rights in Cyprus
2005/117	Situation of human rights in Liberia

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2005	Question of Western Sahara (7 April 2005)
2005	Technical cooperation in the field of human rights in Afghanistan (21 April 2005)
2005	Situation of human rights in Haiti (21 April 2005)
2005	Situation of human rights in Colombia (22 April 2005)

Subprogramme 4
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59/197	Extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions
58/245	Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict
59/178	Use of mercenaries as a means of violating human rights and impeding the exercise of the right of peoples to self-determination
60/161	Declaration on the Right and Responsibility of Individuals, Groups and Organs of Society to Promote and Protect Universally Recognized Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms
60/166	Elimination of all forms of intolerance and of discrimination based on religion or belief
60/168	Protection of and assistance to internally displaced persons

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2004/285	Extension of the mandate of the Special Rapporteur on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography

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2003/21	Effects of structural adjustment policies and foreign debt on the full enjoyment of all human rights, particularly economic, social and cultural rights

2003/23	Globalization and its impact on the full enjoyment of human rights
2003/25	The right to food
2003/27	Adequate housing as a component of the right to an adequate standard of living
2003/30	World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance and the comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action
2003/31	Question of arbitrary detention
2003/43	Independence and impartiality of the judiciary, jurors and assessors and the independence of lawyers
2003/45	Elimination of violence against women
2003/64	Human rights defenders
2004/17	Adverse effects of the illicit movement and dumping of toxic and dangerous products and wastes on the enjoyment of human rights
2004/25	The right to education
2004/36	Elimination of all forms of religious intolerance
2004/37	Extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions
2004/40	Enforced or involuntary disappearances
2004/41	Torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment
2004/55	Internally displaced persons
2004/62	Human rights and indigenous issues
2005/2	The use of mercenaries as a means of violating human rights and impeding the exercise of the right of peoples to self-determination
2005/24	The right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health
2005/38	The right to freedom of opinion and expression
2005/47	The human rights of migrants
2005/55	Human rights and international solidarity
2005/64	World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance and the comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action
2005/69	Human rights and transnational corporations and other business enterprises

2005/79	Rights of persons belonging to national or ethnic, religious and linguistic minorities
2005/80	Protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism

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2004/110	Special Rapporteur on trafficking in persons, especially in women and children